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Carey promoted to Land Rights Administrator at LPEA *Credentialed Staking Engineer to assume position held by retiring Randy Ferris*

DURANGO, Colo. – La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Staking Engineer Morgan Carey has been named as Land Rights Administrator, to fully assume the position upon the retirement of Randy Ferris, who has held the position for 22 years.

As Land Rights Administrator, Carey will work with large property owners on right-of-way negotiations to allow LPEA easements for its equipment, while also overseeing environmental and cultural studies on pending construction.

Originally from Fort Collins, Carey relocated to Durango to be a part of the LPEA Staking Engineer Apprenticeship program in 2006. Following his four-year apprenticeship, plus an eight-hour examination, Carey earned his Staking Engineer credentials in 2010. LPEA's "stakers" work with the cooperative's member-customers on design and layout of the power lines for their properties or projects.

A graduate of CSU, with a degree in natural resource management, Carey also earned a Masters in natural resource law from University of Denver. He is the son of Ron Carey, retired general manager, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association, Fort Collins, Colo., thus familiar with the rural electric cooperative business model.

"Morgan's upbringing, education, and training and experience as a Staking Engineer make him an excellent selection for the Land Rights Administrator's position," said Ron Meier, LPEA's manager of engineering. "He'll have the benefit of training with Randy Ferris before he retires, ensuring a smooth transition in this vital role at the cooperative."

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with in excess of 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible.

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